



Nominating Committee Meeting

Monday, November 17, 2025
3150 S.W. 3rd Avenue – 8th Floor
The Children's Trust – Training Room
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Board of Directors

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10:30 a.m. **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Dr. Daniel Bagner
Committee Chair

10:32 a.m. **Public Comments**

Dr. Daniel Bagner
Committee Chair

10:35 a.m. **Approval of November 3, 2025, Nominating Committee minutes summary (Pg. 2)**

Dr. Daniel Bagner
Committee Chair

10:40 a.m. **Review and recommend to the Board for approval** the organization serving as the "locally recognized faith-based coalition" to fill the applicable Board member seat.

Dr. Daniel Bagner
Committee Chair

10:50 a.m. **At-Large Position**

- *Interview Candidates & Recommend a Candidate for Approval*

Dr. Daniel Bagner
Committee Chair

11:50 a.m. **Slate of Officers Advertisement**

- *Advertisement – November 17, 2025*
- *Applications Due – December 3, 2025*
- *Recommendation to Board – March 16, 2026*

Dr. Daniel Bagner
Committee Chair

12:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

The public is allowed to comment on a specific agenda item but must register with the Clerk of the Board prior to being allowed to comment.



**Nominating Committee Meeting Summary
Summary of Actions Taken
November 03, 2025
9:34 a.m.– 9:58 a.m.**

The Nominating Committee Meeting was held on November 03, 2025:

Committee members in attendance: Dr. Daniel Bagner, Norie Del Valle, Dr. Clara L. Ospina, Laurie Weiss Nuell, Thamara Labrousse, and Kenneth C. Hoffman ex officio.

Legal Counsel in attendance: Leigh Kobrinski

Staff in attendance: James Haj, Imran Ali, Jack Bentolila, Lianne Gage, Juana Leon, Victoria Gandul and Yuliet Alfonso.

Guests in attendance: None

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m. by Dr. Daniel Bagner, Chair of the Nominating Committee.

Public Comment – No one registered.

The following action was taken at the Nominating Committee meeting on November 03, 2025:

Motion to approve September 08, 2025, Nominating Committee meeting minutes was made by Dr. Clara L. Ospina and seconded by Laurie Weiss Nuell. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

The Nominating Committee conducted a thorough review and discussion of the applications received to determine candidates for interviews. Out of the twenty-seven applications submitted for the At-Large vacancy, seven candidates were chosen to move forward to the interview stage – Danny Blanco, Karyn Cunningham, Michael Joseph, Ilia Molina, Michael Nozile, John Ortega, Straton Pollitzer. Upon verification on method of payment for Trust funded provider candidates and compliance with Trust bylaws, the committee will extend an interview to Michael Nozile and John Ortega. In the event that two of the candidates who may have a dual office holding concern withdraw, the nominating committee choose two alternate candidates for interviews – Sammy Epelbaum, and Dannelle Esquivel.

Motion to approve the selection of seven candidates to be interviewed at the next nominating committee meeting on November 17, 2025, with two alternates, was made by Laurie Weiss Nuell and seconded by Dr. Clara L. Ospina. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.